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#### COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 9, 2000

APPLICATION OF

TIGER NATURAL GAS, INC.

CASE NO. PUE000487

For a license to conduct business as a competitive service provider in natural gas retail access pilot programs

# ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On October 2, 2000, Tiger Natural Gas, Inc. ("Tiger" or "Applicant"), filed an application for a license to conduct business as competitive service provider in natural gas retail access pilot programs, as provided by the Interim Rules Governing Electric and Natural Gas Retail Access Pilot Programs ("Interim Rules"), 20 VAC 5-311-50. The application was supplemented on October 3 and completed on November 6, 2000. The Applicant intends to serve eligible customers participating in the gas retail access pilot programs of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., and Washington Gas Light Company. According to the application, the Applicant has served a copy of its application on these utilities as required by the Interim Rules, 20 VAC 5-311-50 C.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission finds that Tiger's application should be docketed; that the

Applicant should give notice of its application; and that the Commission Staff should investigate the application and present its findings in a report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) As provided in Title 56 of the Code of Virginia and the Interim Rules, 20 VAC 5-311-50 D, this application is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE000487.
- (2) Any interested person may obtain a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by written request to Teresa Walker, Controller, Tiger Natural Gas, Inc., 1-G West 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063. The Applicant shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.
- (4) On or before November 17, 2000, the Applicant shall publish the following notice one (1) time as classified advertising in newspapers of general circulation within the geographical areas approved by the Commission for each pilot program in which the Applicant seeks to participate:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY TIGER NATURAL GAS, INC., TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AS A COMPETITIVE SERVICE PROVIDER IN NATURAL GAS RETAIL ACCESS PILOT PROGRAMS

CASE NO. PUE000487

On November 6, 2000, Tiger Natural Gas, Inc. ("Tiger" or "Applicant"), completed an application with the State Corporation

Commission for a license to conduct business as competitive service provider in natural gas retail access pilot programs. The Applicant intends to serve eligible customers participating in the gas retail access pilot programs of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., and Washington Gas Light Company.

Copies of the application are available for inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. Copies can be ordered from Teresa Walker, Controller, Tiger Natural Gas, Inc., 1-G West 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063.

An original and five (5) copies of comments on the application may be filed by December 5, 2000, with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000487. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to Teresa Walker, Controller, Tiger Natural Gas, Inc., 1-G West 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063.

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(5) An original and five (5) copies of any comments on the application may be filed by December 5, 2000, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000487. A copy of such comments also must simultaneously be served by first-class mail on, or hand-delivered to, Teresa Walker, Controller, Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.

- 1-G West 41st Street, Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063.
- (6) The Commission Staff shall investigate the application and shall present its findings in a Staff report to be filed on or before December 8, 2000.
- (7) On or before December 15, 2000, the Applicant may file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response it may have to the Staff report and any comments that have been filed, and shall serve a copy of its response on counsel for the Commission Staff and any person(s) submitting comments. Service shall be sent by such method that ensures that the response is received by December 15, 2000.
- (8) Due to the time-sensitive nature of this proceeding, the Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within three (3) business days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-10-450 to -510.
- (9) On or before December 5, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the notice required in ordering paragraph (4).
  - (10) This matter is continued generally.